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TO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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FOR RCO

FOLLOWING REPEAT USIA 13355 ACTION ATHENS MAY 12.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USIA 13355

USIA:

39 11652: GDS DECLAS 12/31/83

SUBJ: VHF INTERFERENCE

RE: ATHENS 4041

1. VOA USES 162.125 MHZ FOR INTERSITE PROGRAM RELAY BACKUP AT RHODES, FOR LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS KAVALA, AND FOR THE RECEIVE CHANNEL OF THE E&E NET AT THESSALONIKA AND KAVALA. THIS FREQ IS REGISTERED WITH THE GOG AND ITS USE AT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LOCATIONS IS NOT CAUSING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE. THE INTERFERENCE TO THE GREECE FREQ EMANATES FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ATHENS. VOA WILL CONTINUE USE OF THIS FREQ FOR SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS AT ITS RELAY STATIONS IN GREECE.

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WM THE REPEATER TRANSMIT FREQ 170.4 MHZ USED ON THE E&E NET BY THE KAVALA RELAY STATION IS ALSO REGISTERED WITH THE GOG.

3. THE FREQS USED FOR THE E&E NET, NAMELY 162.125 AND 162.750 MHZ, AT THESSALONIKI AND KAVALA WERE CHOSEN TO COMPLY WITH THE DEPT'S INITIATION OF THIS NET. 8\* 5#3 3&E NET IS TO BE CONTINUED IN GREECE, COMMON FREQUENCIES ARE NECESSARY (ASSUMING THAT THE USE

IN ATHENS OF THE INTERFERING FREQUENCY 162.125 MHZ AND THE UNREGISTER-

ED FREQ 162.750 IS TO BE STOPPED). VOA HAS A SINGLE PAIR THAT IS AVAILABLE, 153.0 AND 153.5 MHZ, REGISTERED WITH THE GOG. WHILE THE CHANGEOVER TO THESE FREQS WOULD REQUIRE NEW CRYSTALS AND SOME RETURNING OF EQUIPMENT, IT DOES NOT PRESENT MAJOR PROBLEMS. ADDITIONALLY, THIS PAIR WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE EMB FOR JOINING THE E&E NET AS WOULD BE THE 170.4 MHZ FREQ FOR ANY REPEATERS THAT STATE MAY INSTALL TO COMPLE THE NET.

4. IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE SINGLE FREQ PAIR IS SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE THE COMPLETE REQUIREMTNS OF THE E&E NET IN GREECE. IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF FREQ MANAGEMENT AND WITH OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENTS HOSTING VOA FACILITIES, WE DO NOT INTEND TO REGISTER FREQS FOR USE OTHER THAN FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF VOA OPS ABROAD. REINHARD UNQUOTE VANCE

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